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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH BELETSKIY ON SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN
WEST BERLIN

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B) MEMCON; BELETSKIY, ROMANOVSKY, KOUBA, BORG,
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1. I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF " FILM COCKTAIL" GIVEN MARCH 13 BY
COUNSELOR BELETSKIY AT SOVIET EMBASSY EAST BERLIN FOR
MYSELF AND TWO OTHER MISSION OFFICERS (WITH WIVES), TO SET
FORTH OUR VIEW OF PROPER DEMARCATION TO BE MAINTAINED
BETWEEN ACTIVITIES OF SOVIET EMBASSY AND SOVIET CONSULATE
GENERAL PERSONNEL IN THE WESTERN SECTORS FOLLOWING SHARKOV' S
INSTALLATION AS CONSUL GENERAL. PRESENTATION, BASED ON
PRINCIPLES OUTLINED REFTEL, ELICITED RESPONSE FROM
BELETSKIY THAT HE AGREED WITH THE PRINCIPLES AS THEY
HAD BEEN STATED.

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2. BELETSKIY SAID HE ALSO AGREED WITH MY OBSERVATION THAT ALLIES AND SOVIETS SHARED COMMON INTEREST IN AVOIDING NEEDLESS CONFRONTATIONS CAUSED BY LACK OF CLARITY ABOUT SEPARATION OF ROLES OF SOVIET EMBASSY AND CONGEN. HE WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE CONSIDERED IT UNREASONABLE TO SUGGEST THAT HE SHOULD NO LONGER MAINTAIN ANY CONTACTS WITH SENAT OFFICIALS AT ALL -- EXCEPT ON COURTESY LEVEL -- BECAUSE HE WOULD HAVE CONTINUING LEGITIMATE " INTEREST" IN WEST BERLIN AFFAIRS AND, MOREOVER, SOME OF HIS CONTACTS WERE " FRIENDS OF LONG STANDING" (HE MENTIONED HAVING KNOWN PRESS CHIEF HERZ FOR OVER 10 YEARS). I REPLIED THAT CONTROLLING FACTOR WAS FACT THAT SOVIET EMBASSY SHOULD CONCERN ITSELF ONLY WITH QUADRIPARTITE MATTERS AND DEAL ONLY WITH ALLIED OFFICIALS HAVING RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA; SENAT OFFICIALS UNDERSTOOD THIS AS WELL AS WE AND THERE SHOULD ACCORDINGLY BE NO CONFUSION.

3. APROPOS OF BONN 3600 AND STATE 047569, I TOLD BELETSKIY THAT RECENT SOVIET APPROACHES TO FRG AND SENAT OFFICIALS IN WEST BERLIN CONCERNING ORGANIZATION OF BUNDESHAUS WERE COMPLETELY OUT OF ORDER. I ADDED THAT IF HE OR ANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT BUNDESHAUS AND ITS CONFORMITY WITH QA, THEY SHOULD DIRECT SUCH QUESTIONS TO THE ALLIES AND NOT TO GERMAN OFFICIALS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, BELETSKIY SAID SOVIETS WOULD CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL GREEN WEEK EXHIBIT IN WEST BERLIN IF INVITATION WERE EXTENDED BY " THE SENAT AND THE FRG." HE STRESSED THIS FORMULATION TO INDICATE THAT HE ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO HAVING SENAT STAND BEFORE FRG ON INVITATION (IGNORING FACT THAT ANNEX 4 OF QA SPECIFIES THAT INVITATIONS MAY BE ISSUED " JOINTLY BY THE FRG AND THE SENAT"). BELETSKIY THEN TOOK FURTHER STEP BACKWARD BY ADDING PROVISIO THAT IT WOULD NATURALLY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR FEDERAL PRESIDENT TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AS GREEN WEEK' S SPONSOR (SCHIRMHERR). KLEIN

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